



Meeting note

Project name	Allington Energy from Waste
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	10 December 2020
Meeting with	FCC Environment (UK) Limited
Venue	Telecon
Meeting objectives	Project Update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Submission of Application Documentation

The Applicant sought advice on the submission of application documentation. The Inspectorate advised that a Statement of Commonality for the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) is useful. The Inspectorate requested that the application cover letter should clarify which parties they are seeking SoCGs with and provide justification for the parties whose statement they will and will not include.

The Inspectorate advised that the Applicant's section 55 checklist could be provided as an appendix to the cover letter, rather than as a separate document.

The Inspectorate confirmed that hard copies of application documents are not required on submission although if accepted the appointed Examining Authority may require hard copies of some documents, such as plans. To avoid any delays in receipt of the application, documents should be submitted through a file sharing site, as long as the Inspectorate is not required to sign up to an account to download the files.

The Applicant queried whether a statutory document within the Environmental Statement (ES), such as the Flood Risk Assessment, should be a standalone document with its own reference, allocated a reference within the ES or both. The Inspectorate advised that this was a matter for the Applicant to decide, however, most parties include as an appendix to the ES that can be cross referenced. There is no need to duplicate.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to submit ES chapters as standalone PDFs to assist with referencing. The Inspectorate advised that summaries for chapters over 1500

words are not required as there will be a non-technical summary, although summaries for large reports would be useful.

The Applicant advised that there is a discrepancy between the name of the project on the website and how the project is known locally, which is how the Applicant now intends to refer to the project. The Inspectorate confirmed that the name on the website could be amended so it matches the name on the application documents.

Proposed Submission

The submission of draft documents was discussed. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to submit their draft Development Consent Order for review if there are any novel issues. The Applicant advised they are likely to submit the Habitats Regulations Assessment for review and the Inspectorate confirmed it would be useful to see this. The Inspectorate requested a provisional list of documents for review.

The Applicant advised that they are aiming for submission in Spring 2021.

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The Inspectorate queried whether the Applicant's Transport Assessment had considered the M20 worst case Brexit scenario. The Applicant confirmed it is in conversation with Highways England but that the project requires minimal traffic movement through the M20 junction. The timing of the construction of the facility may also mean that this is not an issue.

The Inspectorate advised that if there are likely to be any impacts on the River Medway, mitigation measures should be outlined along with any implications for the HRA. The Applicant confirmed that this had been considered in the HRA. Water quality on the River Medway and water catchment area are included in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant to send a provisional list of documents for review.
- The Inspectorate to update project name from Allington Energy from Waste Facility to Extension to Allington Integrated Waste Management Facility.